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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ANTI-HIJACKING PASSENGER PRESCREENING

REF: A) STATE A-5662; B) STATE 149612

1. PHILIPPINES PRACTICES ABOVE SUBJECT DISCUSSED WITH
RESIDENT REP PANAM. HE REPORTS FOLLOWING RE QUESTIONS
RAISED REPAIR:

A. PHILIPPINE PASSENGER PRESCREENING PROGRAM DIRECTED
BY MILITARY COMMANDER OF AIRPORT (MIA FOR INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHT) AND CARRIED OUT BY SECURITY GUARD FORCE.
MILITARY COMMANDER MEETS REGULARLY WITH CAA AND AIRLINE
REPS AND "HAS ALL THE AUTHORITY HE NEEDS TO MAKE
SYSTEM WORK".

B. BASIC PROCEDURE AT MIA CONSISTS OF (1) PREBOARDING
PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF CARRY-ON ITEMS; (2) HAND SCANNER
CHECKS OF PASSENGERS; (3) SOMETIME HEAD TO TOE
SEARCH OF INDIVIDUAL PASSENGERS; (4) WATCH ON PARTICULAR
INDIVIDUALS; (5) INSPECTION OF BAGGAGE AS PRESENTED AT
CHECK-IN POINTS.

C. CARRIERS BELIEVE PROGRAM SATISFACTORY BOTH AS
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TO QUALITY OF DAY-TO -DAY OPERATIONS AND AS TO THEIR

ABILITY TO INFLUENCE PRACTICES WHERE THEY SEE PROBLEMS.
THIS ACCOMPLISHED AS A RULE IN LIAISON MEETINGS AS
NOTED UNDER (A).

2. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT SYSTEM PROVIDES REASONABLY
EFFECTIVE PRESCREENING GIVEN PHYSICAL PROBLEMS THAT
PERSIST AT MIA AND ABSENCE OF WALK-THROUGH ELECTRONIC
SCREENING DEVICES. CARRIERS FEEL CONDITIONS GREATLY
IMPROVED SINCE MARTIAL LAW TIGHTENING OF MIA SECURITY,
NOTABLY INVOLVING CUTBACKS IN ACCESS OF VISITORS TO
BOARDING AREAS. CAA LEADERSHIP OF PHILIPPINES HAS TAKEN
ACTIVE INTEREST THIS SUBJECT, HAS SOUGHT US FAA
ASSISTANCE AND IDEAS. WE UNAWARE, THEREFORE, OF ANY
SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE TO APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES.

3. REGRET THAT FAA REP STALEY ON HOME LEAVE AT THIS TIME
BUT TRUST HIS VIEWS CAN BE REFLECTED IN REPORTS
THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN ABOUT AUGUST 4.
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